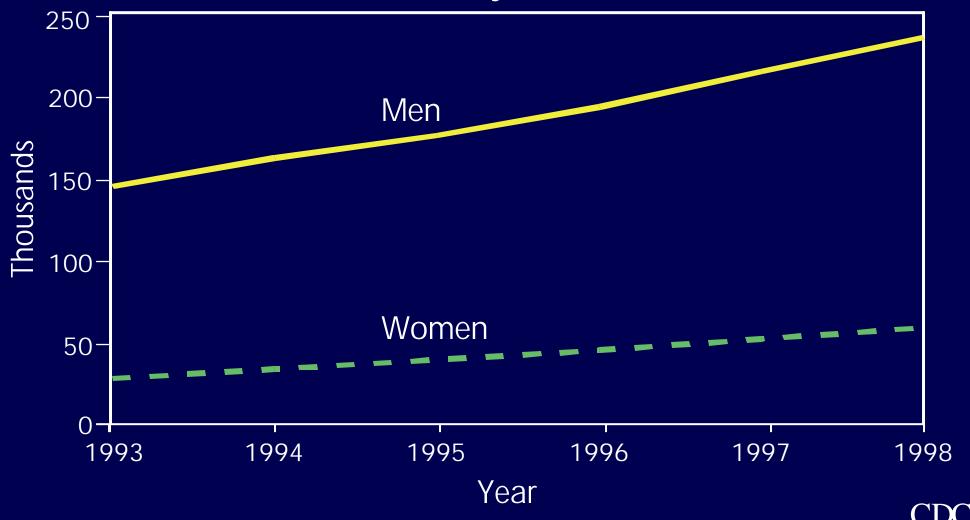
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Reliable estimates of prevalence are not yet available for 1999 due to delays in reporting the occurrence of new AIDS diagnoses and deaths in the most recent 6 months. Therefore 1998 is the most recent year for which estimates are presented. In 1998, an estimated 297,135 persons were living with AIDS, a 10% increase from 1997. The number of persons living with AIDS has increased because of improved survival for persons with AIDS who have received treatment resulting in decreases in the number of deaths. Although increases are seen among both men and women, women account for an increasing proportion of persons living with AIDS. In 1998, women accounted for 20% of persons living with AIDS.

